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FM AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 2253

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SUBJ: MALIK ON GOI ROLE IN PHILIPPINES CONFLICT

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1. FONMINMALIK TOLD REPORTERS FEB 21 THAT MOSLEM REBELLION IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES IS AN "INTERNAL AFFAIR" WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED BY FILIPINOS THEMSELVES, AND THAT INDONESIA THEREFORE DOES NOT WISH TO "INTERFERE." IN HELPING TO FIND A SETTLEMENT.

2. LATER, HOWEVER, WHEN PRESSED BY NEWSMEN, HE SAID GOI WOULD "CONSIDER OFFERING GOOD OFFICES" IF ASKED TO DO SO, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE UP TO THE TWO SIDES IN PHILIPPINES TO DECIDE WHERE THEY WOULD MEET AND RESOLVE DIFFERENCES WITH INDONESIA ACTING ONLY AS MIDDLEMAN.

3. MALIK SAID PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAD TOLD SPECIAL ENVOY OF PRESIDENT MARCOS, ALEJANDRO MELCHOR, WHO VISITED JAKARTA FEB 17-18, THAT GOI WAS RELUCTANT TO INTERFERE IN PHILIPPINES' MOSLEM PROBLEM. MALIK WAS ALSO APPARENTLY
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REFERRING TO PRESS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS HAD

"OFFICIALLY" ASKED GOI TO SERVE AS INTERMEDIARY
IN BRING ABOUT RENEWED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MANILA AND
REVELS AFTER FAILURE OF JIDDA TALKS ORGANIZED
BY AL TOHAMY.

4. MALIK REPEATED "NON-INTERFERENCE" THEME
SEVERAL TIMES, NOTING THAT INDONESIA HAD NOT ASKED FOR
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN SOLVING ITS OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS.
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5. COMMENT: MALI'S COMMENTS APPEAR TO REFLECT
SUHARTO'S CONTINUED RELUCTANCE TO PUBLICLY COMMIT HIS
PRESTIGE TO SETTLEMENT OF MOSLEM PROBLEM BEFORE MANILA
AND MOSLEMS HAVE REACHED OUTLINES OF SETTLEMENT THESELVES.
ALSO, ACCORDING SOME REPORTS, SUHARTO IS PIQUED WITH
MARCOS' DECISION TO RELY ON AL TOHOMY'S MEDIATING ROLE
WHICHLED TO ABORTIVE JIDDA TALKS. NEWSOM

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